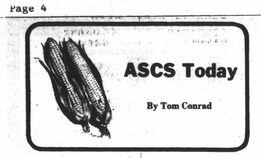

ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Set-Aside Program: Payments on Set-Aside Can Now Be Made - Under the Set-Aside Program, there have been new payment provisions added that should make the program more attractive to farmers in Appomattox County.

Farmers may now receive payment for wheat planted for harvest as grain which they elect to graze or cut immature for green chop, hay or silage. The payment will be the higher of the 1978 wheat deficiency rate or $0.50 times the farm established wheat yield times the acres for payment. An example of this payment computation would be: 15 acres of wheat X $0.50 X 40 bushel per acre yield = $300.00 payment.

The acres for payment are limited to the larger of 50 acres or 40 percent of the total acreage for barley, corn, grain sorghum, and wheat intended for harvest in 1978. Those farmers in the county who have already signed their intention to participate under the Set-Aside may have their intended acreage revised during the signup because of the new program change.

Farmers who file under the new program change are eligible to receive half of the total payment at the time of signup. Using the above mentioned example, at the time of signup the farmer would receive 15 acres of wheat X $0.25 X 40 bushel per acre yield = $150.00.

Another new provision affects farmers that grew barley, corn, or grain sorghum in 1977. Under the provision farmers now in addition to the required setaside have the option for voluntary diversion for payment in 1978 for any or all of the above crops equal to 10 percent of the 1978 acreage planted for harvest.

The payment will be $0.20 for corn and $0.12 for barley and grain sorghum times the farm established yield times the actual acreage for harvest. An example of this payment computation would be: 20 acres of corn X $0.20 X 72 bushel per acre yield = $288.00. The farmer will receive half payment at the time of signup. In the above example the farmer would receive $144.00.

The 1978 acreage for harvest of the crop with voluntary diversion shall be limited to the 1977 acreage. The total acreage of NCA crops required setaside, voluntary diversion, and any grazing and hay acreage for wheat cannot exceed the farm's Normal Crop Acreage.

If you have any questions concerning the Set-Aside Program or wish to signup, please stop by the ASCS office. The final date to signup is May 1, 1978.

PAMPLIN

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Alex Rosser.

A singing group from Northern Virginia called "The Remnant" will be at Evergreen United Methodist Church April 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. A. R. Southall, Sr. has returned home after spending the winter in Lynchburg and Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley attended the Southern Agriculture Education Conference in Lexington, Ky., from Monday through Thursday.

Mrs. David Covington is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Willis Powers was taken to Southside Community Hospital in Farmville last Saturday and is in the intensive care unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coleman left Tuesday for a vacation to Haiwaii. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Coleman, of Norfolk, are spending their vacation at his parents' home while they are in Haiwaii.

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO BE HELD

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community Colleges will be held in Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, April 19, 1978.

The meeting will begin ai 10 a.m. and will be in the Board Room, Fifth Floor of the Bank of Virginia Building, 7 North 8th Street.

Lung Assoc. Youth Board Elects Local President

Officers for the next year were elected by the Youth Board of Directors of the Virginia Lung Association at the group's annual meeting in Williamsburg last week.

Chosen as 1978-79 president was Major M. Lewis, a junior at Cumberland High School and a native of New Canton. Other officers include Nancy Maxey, first vice president, of George Wythe High School in Richmond; Teresa Lee Brown, second vice president, of Central High School in Woodstock; Cheryl Matthews, third vice president of Cumberland High School; and, Gwenn Baugher, secretary, of Warren County High School in Front Royal.

Those elected to the Youth Board Executive Committee were Sam Panchevre of the Roanoke Region Youth Board; Terri Mawyer of the Blue Ridge Youth Board; Mary Ida Williams and Faye Covington of the Southern Region Youth Board; and, Susan Woodzell of the Northern Region Youth Board.

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WHO'S WHO IN FBLA

The FBLA girl for the month of April is very active in chapter activities. She attended the officers picnic in the summer, sold Cherrydale Candy, attended all meetings and is Chaplain of the Chapter.

She is a member of the Youth Council at Liberty Baptist Church. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Torrence of Rt. 2, Appomattox. The girl of the month for April is Melinda Davis, right above, who is shown being presented a gift from Rita Ferguson, Chairman of the Who's Who Committee.

Mrs. Ella S. Anderson Honored By Presbyterial of the Blue Ridge

by Mary Jane Hoffman

On Tuesday, April 4 at a meeting of the Blue Ridge Presbyterial held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Mrs. Ella Anderson of Appomattox was presented a Life Membership in the Presbyterial by the Council of the Presbyterian Women of the Church. Presbyterial comprises 99 churches of the Presbytery which covers 16 counties of this area of Virginia.

The citation described the many services she has performed in the community as a Home Demonstration Agent, her marriage to Bernard G. Anderson, well-known dairy farmer, and her service to the Presbyterian Church as District Chairman, former local, President and present Circle Chairman of the Women of the Church.

The citation said in part, "She reaches out in service and love in visitaiton to sick and shut-ins and newcomers; is open to new ideas and is skilled in all the home arts which she has taught to others. She has endured pain of illness with perseverance and has overcome to continue as a good friend to many and a devout Christian, generous to all, including the birds she feeds daily at her kitchen window."

The presentation was made for Presbyterial by Mary Jane Hoffman, Chairman of Leadership and Resources for the Presbyterial, who said, "It is with pleasure I present this Life Membership and Pin to Ella S. Anderson from Presbytrial in grateful acknowledgment of her use of the gifts which God gave her."

Appomattox Court House was also presented a King James Memorial Bible by Presbyterial. Mrs. Ethel Evans, local President of the Women of the Church, received the Bible and spoke with great feeling of the losses the Appomattox Court House Church suffered this past year with the deaths of Mrs. Terry and Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Dalton and how much this gift means to the Church.

Others in attendance from Appomattox at the meeting of more than 275 persons were Mrs. Frances Cheatham, Mrs. Mildred Williams, Mrs. Margaret Bragg, Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, Mrs. Lucy Pack and Mrs. Lena Eversole.

Oakville Ruritan Hold Meeting

The Oakville Ruritans held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 6, 1978, at the Oakville School, and enjoyed an excellent dinner prepared and served by the Ladies Missionary group "Kingdom Seekers of Trinity United Methodist Church." The ladies received a well deserved round of applause.

After routine club business, the club adopted an amplified version of a resolution proposed by Kit Carson, addressed to the State Department of Health, opposing any drastic action regarding regulations and policies which would jeopardize the existence of Rural Area Rescue Squads.

Mr. E. W. (Kit) Carson introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Donald L. Armentrout, principal of Appomattox County High School, an educator of experience, and recognized as such by the club.

Mr. Armentrout talked about the local high school, its aims, curriculum, behaviour of the students, school spirit, and its contrast with many other schools. He pointed out that the school is a part of each of us. That all of us share in points of pride the students, the parents, the teachers, the administration, and the board of supervisors; that we have a unique situation here in Appomattox County for team effort, and that the young people feel this, also. He pointed out that the behaviour of the students is second to none. He sees the students achieving, and pride coming from their parents. Editorially speaking, this is good, particularly after all the things we have been hearing and reading about schools and parents elsewhere. The main thrust of his remarks was in achievement and pride in achievement on the part of the students. He remarked on Glenn Duff, an Appomattox County High School senior, who was first place winner among 16,000 entries in the "Keep Virginia Green" contest.

He stated Appomattox excells in Future Farmers of America activities, and is always in the running on a local and national scale. He outlined six main programs of study oriented toward vocational programs for marketable skills, or preparation for college. These are:

1. Home Economics for girls and boys
2. Business Educaiton
3. Distributive Education
4. Agriculture for girls and boys
5. Trade and Industry
6. College Math

The high school has some twenty clubs, all service oriented, and provides Adult Education in the evening. It keeps gymnasiums, tennis courts, etc., open in summer, with an attendant, paid for by the county.

After these remarks, Mr. Armentrout held a quesiton and answer session which was very informative. The problem of slow learners versus high I.Q., was discussed at some length, along with social promotions, and the problem of big boys in their teens, and backward or impossible learners, being held in grades with very young girls of ten or twelve, made an impact on this writer.

We thank you, Don!

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